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PATENT APPLICATION

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004 in the above-identified application, consideration of the following is requested.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 of U.S. patent 6,373,280.

Accordingly, attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the portion of the term of any patent to be granted

on this application which would extend beyond the expiration of U.S. Patent 6,373,280.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee for filing the Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 (b,c) is enclosed.

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, the judicially created doctrine of double patenting rejection of claims 1-13 has been overcome. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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